

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Hiroatsu ENDO	Confirmation No. 8333
Application No.:	10/550,738	
Filing Date:	September 26, 2005	
Group Art Unit:	3618	
Examiner:	Vaughn COOLMAN	
For:	CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD FOR DRIVE APPARATUS OF HYBRID VEHICLE	
Customer No.:	23838	

**RESPONSE TO AUGUST 4, 2009 OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 4, 2009 in the above-identified application, and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the Applicant respectfully submits the following, accompanied by a one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.